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SUBJECT: SIE-1: TERMS OF REFERENCE: CURRENT SOVIET
ACTIVITIES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE
TO THE FAR EAST

THE PROBLEM

To examine the scope and nature of Soviet and Satellite activities during the past three months and to estimate the probable purposes of such activities with particular reference to the Far East.

QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

I. WHAT SOVIET ACTIVITIES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE FAR EAST DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS AND WHERE HAVE THESE BEEN MOST PRONOUNCED?

A. Military (Ground, Sea, Air)

1. Changes in strength, organization, or composition
2. Changes in training
3. Changes in equipment
4. Changes in morale

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5. Changes in leadership
6. Changes in logistical support
7. Changes in deployment

B. Political

C. Economic

II. TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE THESE CHANGES AFFECTED SOVIET AND CHINESE COMMUNIST CAPABILITIES:

A. Offensively against:

1. United Nations Forces in Korea
2. United States Forces in Japan, Ryuku Islands, Alaska, and the continental U. S.
3. Taiwan and Southeast Asia

B. Defensively

III. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY COMPARABLE SOVIET AND/OR SATELLITE MILITARY, POLITICAL, OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE WHICH MIGHT INDICATE SOVIET INTENTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FAR EAST?

IV. WHAT IS THE PROBABLE PURPOSE OF ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS?

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